

## CONGRESSIONAL RECORD SUMMARY

Wednesday, October 31, 2001

### SENATE

#### Measure Introduced:

**S. 1603.** A bill to *provide for reform relating to Federal employment*, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

Voinovich

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#### Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2002." (Senate Report No. 107-91)

**H.R. 1042**, to *prevent the elimination of certain reports.* (Senate Report No. 107-90)

**S. 1140**, to amend chapter 1 of title 9, United States Code, to *provide for greater fairness in the arbitration process* relating to motor vehicle franchise contracts.

*Pages S 11285-6, D 1073*

#### H.R. 3061. Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations Act:

*Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3061*, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

*Pages S 11255-66, S 11268-75, D 1073*

#### Pending:

**Gramm Amendment No. 2055 (to Amendment No. 2044)**, to preserve the freedom and constitutional rights of firefighters, law enforcement officers and public safety officers.

*Pages S 11271-3, D 1074*

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10 a.m., on Thursday, November 1, 2001, where Senator Gregg and Senator Landrieu will be recognized to offer certain amendments with votes to occur on, or in relation to, the amendments.

*Pages S 11296, D 1074*

#### Committee Meeting:

**Committee on Governmental Affairs:** Committee concluded joint hearing with the Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services to examine the effects of terrorism on the U.S. mail service, focusing on safeguards to protect postal employees and its customers.

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#### Committee Meetings For Thursday, November 1, 2001:

**Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:** @ 9:30 a.m. To hold hearings on **S. 1530**, to provide improved safety and security measures for rail transportation, and provide for improved passenger rail service. SR-253.

**Committee on the Judiciary:** @ 10:00 a.m. *Business meeting to consider pending nominations.* SD-226.

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### HOUSE

### **Bills Introduced:**

**H.R. 3190.** A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to establish a program to permit Federal, State, and local law enforcement officers to be trained to participate in the Federal air marshal program as volunteers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Schiff

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**H.R. 3193.** A bill to *amend the Violence Against Women Act of 2000* by expanding the legal assistance for victims of violence grant program to include legal assistance for victims of dating violence; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Biggert

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**H.R. 3196.** *A bill to provide compensation to individuals who are injured by an escaped prescribed fire and to amend the tort procedure provisions of title 28, United States Code, relating to claims for such fires, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Resources, and Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.*

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**H.R. 3199.** A bill to require congressional approval of proposed rules designated by the Congress to be significant; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Smith

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### **Reports Filed:**

**Reports were filed today as follows:**

**H.R. 2269,** *to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974* and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to promote the provision of retirement investment advice to workers managing their retirement income assets, amended (House Report 107-262, Pt. 1);

**H. Res. 274,** providing for consideration of **H.R. 3150**, to improve aviation security (House Report 107-264).

Pages H 7591, D 1076

### **H.R. 2590. Treasury, Postal Appropriations Conference Report:**

*The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2590, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002 by a yea-and-nay vote of 339 yeas to 85 nays, Roll No. 413.*

Pages H 7536-45, H 7557-8, D 1076

*"... I am very pleased that the bill provides \$15 million for the Miami Federal Courthouse, the remaining funds required to build the new Federal Courthouse in Miami, a project that is desperately needed by our Federal courts, the busiest in the country..." (Meek, Page H 7544)*

*The conference report was considered pursuant to the order of the House of Oct. 30.*

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### **H.R. 2299. Transportation Appropriations--Go to Conference:**

*The House disagreed with the Senate amendment to H.R. 2299, making appropriations for the*

***Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002 and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Chairman Young of Florida and Representatives Rogers, Wolf, DeLay, Callahan, Tiahrt, Aderholt, Granger, Emerson, Sweeney, Obey, Sabo, Olver, Pastor, Kilpatrick, Serrano, and Clyburn.***

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*"... Let us talk about the Federal standards. The second largest private security firm in the United States of America, Argenbright, is under criminal indictment for the second time in 6 months. But their bill would keep them in business. That is great. Let us keep them in business. Let us give them a chance. I guess they believe in three- strikes-and-you're-out for the private security firms. The second time they are under indictment for hiring known felons, maintaining known felons on staff. They have violated their probation by maintaining known felons on staff. They have continued to falsify documents to the Federal Government about training and background checks, but they want to perpetuate that system. They said, ``Don't worry, with a little Federal oversight it will get better.'' Federal oversight? What could be tougher Federal oversight than the United States Department of Justice, a Federal judge, a million-dollar fine and probation for a criminal conviction? This system does not work, and it will never provide the security the American traveling public needs and deserves..." (DeFazio, Page H 7546)*

***Agreed to the Sabo motion*** to instruct conferees to insist on inclusion of the highest possible level of transportation security funding.

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**H. Res. 273. Legislative Branch Appropriations Conference Report--Rule Waiving Points of Order:**

***The House agreed to H. Res. 273, the rule waiving points of order against the conference report on H.R. 2647, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, by a recorded vote of 423 ayes with none voting "no," Roll No. 414.***

*Pages H 7553-7, H 7558-9, D 1076*

**Committee Meetings:**

**Committee on Energy and Commerce:** Ordered reported, as amended, the following bill: **H.R. 3046**, Medicare Regulatory, Appeals, Contracting.

**Committee on Financial Services:** Ordered reported, as amended, the following bill: **H.R. 556**, Unlawful Internet Gambling Funding Prohibition Act.

**Committee on Rules:** Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing 1 hour of debate on **H.R. 3150, Secure Transportation for America Act of 2001**. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution, which may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against such amendments. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

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**Joint Committee Meeting:**

***Conferees, on Tuesday, October 30, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2647, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002.***

**Committee Meetings For Thursday, November 1, 2001:**

**Committee on Rules, @ 2:30 p.m.** To mark up **H.R. 981**, Budget Responsibility and Efficiency Act of 2001. H-313 Capitol.

**Remark:**

Intent Regarding Section 211 Of H.R. 3162, The USA Patriot Act.

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**Next SENATE MEETING: Thursday, 10:00 a.m., November 1, 2001.**

**Next HOUSE MEETING: Thursday, 10:00 a.m., November 1, 2001.**

**OLA: S. Schwarz (Smith)**